

Master Outlines of Daniel

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God's Vision Of Total Conquest Receiving A Kingdom Which Cannot Be Shaken Daniel 2:31-45

- A. The Ongoing War Between Humanism And Theocracy (vv. 31-45)
 - 1. Similarities
 - a) They both have greatness
 - (1) Humanism (vv. 31-32)
 - (2) Theocracy (v. 35,44)
 - b) World wide dominion for both
 - (1) Humanism (vv. 38-39)
 - (2) Theocracy (v. 35,44)
 - c) They both crush previous kingdoms
 - (1) Humanism (vv. 40)
 - (2) Theocracy (v. 35,44-45)
 - d) They both have dominion on earth
 - (1) Humanism (vv. 38,39,43)
 - (2) Theocracy (v. 35)
 - e) There is sequence yet overlap from one kingdom to the next
 - (1) Humanism (vv. 35,40,45)
 - (2) Theocracy (v. 35,44)
 - 2. Contrasts
 - a) a great image with splendor and awesome form versus an unfinished stone
 - b) formed by hands versus cut without hands
 - c) awesome versus humble
 - d) the stone stronger than the image (v. 34-35,44)
 - e) temporal versus eternal (v. 44)
 - f) defeated versus undefeated (v. 44)
- B. The Downward Progress Of Humanism
 - 1. The Quality Of The Image Deteriorating
 - a) Gold - Representing Babylon
 - b) Silver - Representing Medo-Persia
 - c) Bronze - Representing Greece
 - d) Iron progressing to iron and clay - Representing Rome
 - 2. "another kingdom inferior to yours"
 - 3. "a kingdom" (v. 37) versus "kingdom shall be divided" (v. 41)
 - 4. "power, strength" (v. 37) versus "partly strong and partly fragile" (v. 42)
 - 5. "glory (vv. 37-38) versus "break in pieces and crush" (v. 40)
- C. The Upward Progress Of Christ's Kingdom

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1. God was reigning even before Christ's Kingdom was set up.
 - a) He gave the world into Babylon's power (vv. 37-38)
 - b) During the fourth kingdom's reign, Christ said that Pilate could have no authority unless it was granted from above.
 - c) God governs history for the good of His people (cf. ch. 1)
 - d) He has always reigned supreme.
 2. But there is a kingdom that God set up in history: the mediatorial kingdom of Christ.
 - a) It does not have its origin in this world ("cut without hands" v. 34) yet it impacts this world and its kingdom's ("struck the image" v. 34)
 - b) It is all victorious (v. 44)
 - c) It is eternal (v. 44)
 - d) It eventually fills the entire earth (v. 35,44)
 - e) This kingdom is set up during the time of the kings of the fourth empire (v. 44 "in the days of these kings the God of heaven will set up a kingdom")
 - (1) These kings are described by ten toes in this vision and by ten horns in chapter 7 (cf. Rev. 17:12)
 - (2) This was during the first century A.D. when the Roman Empire was divided up into ten provinces each ruled by a king.
 - (3) In verse 34 it strikes the image on its feet.
 - (4) At that point it is merely a stone (v. 34). Christ said that He was the stone, and on whomever he fell, they would be ground to powder (Matt. 21:44)
 - (a) Christ shares this power to break nations in pieces with believers (Rev. 2:26-27; Acts 4:23-31 with Psalm 2)
 - (b) But this stone grows into a mountain (v. 35)
 - (c) Eventually it fills the earth (v. 35)
 - (5) Eventually no trace of the humanistic image will be left (v. 35,44)
- D. Christ is the key
1. The two Adams.
 2. Christ is the stone.
 - a) Arose from Mount Zion (Israel) - v. 45
 - b) Yet of supernatural nature "cut without hands" v. 34
 3. It is not what our hands can do that is significant, but what Christ does through us.